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The bill gives the sealers power to confiscate and destroy all pots or traps not built in accordance to the provisions of the bill or not properly sealed or branded.

The closing sections are as follows:

Section 9. That the state of Massachusetts in order to do its own share toward increasing the natural production and increase of the lobster, hereby removes the measurement from lobsters and places the said measurement upon lobster traps, where it should have been placed fifty years ago, according to an expert study of the subject.

Section 10. That on and after January 1, 1906, no lobsters found caught or taken in the waters within the jurisdiction of the state of Massachusetts shall be subjected to measurement by any warden, officer or other person.

Section 11. That this act shall go into effect on its passage on and after January 1, 1906, and remain in force until January 1, 1911.

In a communication to the TIMES regarding his bill, Mr. Davis states that in answer to a letter to Commissioner Field in regard to the bill, that official wrote him that the idea of placing the responsibility on the pot rather than on the measure was in his opinion a valuable one. It would provide for the protection of the adult lobster and the catching of those of marketable size, protecting also those below, say nine inches, and protecting those above, about ten and one-half inches.

Mr. Davis also states that the style of trap proposed in his bill was given a trial on the Maine coast as an experiment, being placed in the middle of a string of 15 pots of the old style, and that it actually caught 16 times less short lobsters and two and three-quarters times more count lobsters than any trap in the string.

RECIPROCAL TREATIES.

Federal Relations Committee Favor Gov. Douglas' Recommendations.

(Special to the TIMES.)

State House, Boston, March 13, 1905.—The committee on federal relations unanimously reported a resolution on Gov. Douglas' recommendation for a reciprocal treaty between the United States, Canada and Newfoundland.

The resolve provided for freer trade relations between these countries as soon as it is possible to secure such without injury to American agriculture, American labor or American industries and without sacrificing the American policy of protection.

The committee also reported a resolution that the General Court of Massachusetts favors the removal of the duty on hides.

Large Cod.

The New York Fishing Gazette says that a cod recently landed at Grimsby, Eng., by a trawler, was 49 inches long, 46 inches around the shoulders, and scaled 93 1-2 lbs. A magnificent specimen.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Olga, Georges, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Eglantine, (corrected), 5000 lbs. halibut, 14,000 lbs. cod, 50,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Marguerite, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh cod.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$4.00 for large, \$3.50 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.50; medium cod, \$2.00; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2.25, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.75; Eastern haddock, \$1.25; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt. for large and \$5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.

Outside sales fresh haddock to split, \$1.35.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per pound for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Maude F. Silva, 18,000 haddock, 500 cod, 600 hake, 2500 cusk.

Sch. Richard Wainwright, 22,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 11,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1000 hake, 300 pollock

Sch. George H. Lubee, 300 haddock, 9500 cod.

Sch. Ramana, 2000 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Gertrude, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 8000 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Squanto, 35,000 halibut.

Sch. Seacornett.

Sch. Rapidan, 2000 cod.

Sch. Louisa Cabral, 9000 haddock, 400 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. William A. Morse, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Two Forty, 9000 cod.

Sch. Viking, 700 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Rose Standish, 26,000 hake.

Sch. Mattakesett, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Selma, 19,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Mary Cabral, 6000 haddock, 5000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Harvester, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50; large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$3.

Good Farer.

Sch. Tacoma, Capt. Adelbert Nickerson arrived from the Banks this noon with a big fare, 28,000 pounds of halibut

Sch. Eglantine, Capt. Oscar Benson, also arrived this noon with a fine fare, 5000 pounds of halibut and 45,000 pounds of fresh and salt cod.

As halibut are the highest price of the winter and codfish are also a good price, both vessels will make big stocks.

TO SHIP FROM POINT JUDITH.

Newport Fish Men Considering a Time-Saving Plan.

It was reported at Newport yesterday that the combination of twelve fishing companies which ship practically all the fresh fish from that port, will in the near future land the greater part of the catch at Montauk Point, and by use of the railroad there, reduce the time into New York by nearly half a day, while still more time will be saved on shipments further south.

A director in one of the companies residing in that city, admitted last night that the matter was under consideration.

The spring fishing between Montauk Point and Gay Head, especially the catch of scup and mackerel, has increased considerably during the past ten years, and during May and June the shipment by the boat to New York averages nearly 1000 barrels daily. The fish, however, does not reach the market until noon the next day, and sometimes considerably later.

VERY BAD WEATHER.

Capt. Nickerson Says It Gets Worse Instead of Better.

Capt. Adelbert Nickerson in sch. Tacoma, arrived from the southern edge of Grand Bank yesterday afternoon with a fine halibut fare. Bad weather prevented him from securing the banner trip of the season, as the whole 30,000 pounds were taken in four nets, all the vessel was able to make on her whole trip, and 15,000 pounds of fish were secured on the last set. But Capt. Nickerson says the weather, which had been almost constantly bad, began to get even worse and there was no chance to get another set, so they were obliged to leave where they knew was good fishing if they only had a chance to put out their trawls, and come home.

SHORT LOBSTER PLANS.

Bill for Shipments from Nova Scotia Warmly Opposed.

The legislative committee on fisheries and game had several matters for hearings yesterday morning, all intended to relax somewhat the present lobster protective laws. The first measure taken up was to authorize the importation into the state from Nova Scotia of short lobsters from December to April. It was advocated by J. A. Young of a Boston wholesale lobster firm, on the ground that it applied to a season when there was practically no lobster fishing being carried on here, and there was difficulty in supplying the market. It was intimated also that the present law was violated, in that shipments were made direct from Nova Scotia to New York by Boston firms, who had the consignments redirected en route to different addresses.

The opposition was vigorous and came from all along the coast, from Marblehead to Seabate, the claim being refuted that there was no fishing in the winter season. F. M. Johnson, a Boston wholesale dealer, opposed the bill as being a mistake in judgment.

Representative Jenney of Mattapoisett had a delegation of fishermen of the Buzzard bay section in favor of a law reducing the legal length to nine inches. He claimed that the nine-inch law in Rhode Island only a few miles away made matters very unfair for them. It was practically admitted that the law was violated and the shorts rushed over into Rhode Island. Both measures were opposed by Charles M. Bryant of Quincy for the Fish and Game Protective League.

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Improve What We Have.

The plan of Dr. Field, the fish and game commissioner, to make our abandoned and undeveloped ocean flats pay through the cultivation of shell fish, as our abandoned farms have been compelled to pay through the cultivation of chosen crops, sounds like business. If 10 clams can be induced to grow where there is now one clam, and if oysters can be coaxed to thrive where there is nothing but the tenantless oyster bed, the state, our fishermen, and our fish-eaters are to be the gainers. Altogether, the Field programme reads like a Japanese measure to improve what we have before we sigh for what we have not.—Boston Record.

RESTRICTS SHORE FISHING.

Important Measure Now Before Maine Legislature.

In the Maine state senate the following bill has been received from the committee on shore fisheries and laid on the table to be printed under joint rules.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to fish for or take, except with trawls or ordinary hooks and lines, any cod or other ground fish from the waters subject to the jurisdiction of this state, between a line running north through the westernmost part of Seguin Island, and a similar line through the easternmost part of Damariscove Island.

Section 2. Any person who fishes for or takes fish contrary to the provisions of this act shall be punished for each offence by a fine of not less than two hundred or more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not less than three or more than twelve months, and shall further forfeit five dollars for each fish so taken.

Section 3. Section fifty-nine, sixty and sixty-one of chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes shall apply to all offenses under this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

"The Lobster Trust."

The "lobster trust" has been formed—on paper—so regularly at intervals of two years, since 1898, that the lobster dealers are mystified by its reappearance now. Do the promoters go into the business simply for the practice? If such a combination were ever engineered, what could possibly shut out any number of independents from starting in?—Boston Record.

Saw the Salt Bankers.

Sch. Squanto of Duxbury, Capt. Daniel McDonald of this city, arrived at Boston yesterday from the Gully with a fine fare, 35,000 pounds of halibut. Capt. McDonald reports sighting the salt bankers on the Peak but did not speak them.

Big Stock.

Sch. Squanto of Duxbury, Capt. Daniel McDonald of this city, stocked \$3180 on her recent halibut trip. She has yet on board some salt cod to bring down here to market. Capt. McDonald is making a big record for quick and good trips this winter, which puts one in mind of the way he used to bring them in only a few years ago.

Good Trip.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Horace Wilde, arrived yesterday from Georges with a fine fare, 90,000 pounds of fresh fish. Capt. Wilde is starting in well in his new command and keeping up his good record.

Halibut Sales.

The fares of sch. Tacoma sold to the New England Fish Co., and that of sch. Eglantine to the American Halibut Co., each at 12 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

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Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Marguerite, shore, 2800 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. William Walker, Provincetown, 500 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. Squanto, via Boston, 2000 lbs. cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ralph Russell, Georges.
Sch. Claudia, haddocking.
Sch. Gladiator, salt fishing.

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Sch. Muriel, 30,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Marshall L. Adams, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Sea Fox, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 2500 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Flavilla, 2000 haddock, 3000 hake, 1000 cusk, 700 pollock.

Sch. Ida F. Silva, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod

Sch. Motor, 4500 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$2.50 to \$4; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$2.25.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Alice R. Lawson, A. E. Whyland and Elector were at Halifax on Monday for bait.

Here To Fit Out.

Capt. Campbell Peart is at this port to fit out sch. S. F. Maker for southern seining.
Capt. Christopher Carrigan is here to fit sch. Lottie G. Merchant for southern seining.

Change of Skippers.

Capt. Alex. Gnyetch will command sch. Estelle S. Nunan in shore trawling.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Eglantine, Capt. Oscar Benson, stocked \$2,550 on her recent Georges halibuting trip, the crew sharing \$68.75 clear.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Felix Hogan of Boston, stocked \$2,100 on her haddock trip, landed yesterday.

LOBSTER TRUST FORMED.

Large Portland Wholesalers Go Into Combine.

Reported That Armour's Are Back of New Enterprise.

The Portland Lobster Company, J. W. Trefethen Company, J. N. Trefethen Company and F. S. Willard, all big Portland wholesale lobster dealers, controlling half the lobster output of the United States, have been persuaded by James W. Leslie, agent for a proposed lobster trust, to enter the combine. This means that the lobster trust is a certainty.

Leslie started to canvas the lobster dealers of New England some weeks ago, and starting in Boston, where he signed all the big dealers, he worked his way along the coast. He obtained the signature of practically every big lobster dealer in Maine. Although Leslie has as yet persistently refused to disclose the backers of the trust, it is the general impression that the Armour's, of Chicago, are the ones concerned.

Having finished his work on this side of the line, Leslie leaves for Nova Scotia tomorrow to enlist the Canadian dealers.

Leslie says the price of lobsters will not be raised by the trust, but in direct contradiction the Portland dealers say it will. One Portland wholesaler said: "Lobsters are a luxury; not a necessity. The rich epicure only will be affected by the price; the poor man doesn't have lobsters."

The lobster fishermen are the ones most likely to suffer, if the trust runs its own steamers and sets its own traps.

The output of lobsters will undoubtedly be increased rather than diminished by the trust, which is expected to keep the coast stocked with seed lobsters. The facilities for handling will be much improved, and, barring the dory fishermen, other branches of the lobster trade believe they will be benefited.

FISH FOR ARMY RATIONS.

The success of the Japanese commissariat has been some of our military men to considering the value of fish as a part of the army rations. The Japanese use it in the form of "fish meat," prepared by removing the bones and compressing the remainder before cooking and smoking. The meal keeps indefinitely, and insects do not attack it. It is used for soup, and shaved thin and cooked with rice. Upon rice the Japanese soldier in the field largely depends, with more concentrated and stimulating fare as an auxiliary. It is not unlikely that one result of the present war will be some reconsideration of the ration of the United States army, which is at present generous, but perhaps too heavy to be hygienically ideal.

Sea Turtles.

Twenty-five thousand sea turtles penned in an inlet of the sea near Orlando, Fla., where they breed and are fattened for the New York market, is what two men are getting very busy about just now, and who are planning to ship twenty thousand of these curious creatures to an eastern market, where they are considered a great table delicacy, and will bring the sum of \$15 each.